GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women (NCW) has recommended to the Government to reduce the period of presumption of death period for the missing persons from 7 years to 3 years for the Tsunami victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a), (b) & (c): The Ministry of Home Affairs have not received any such recommendation from the National Commission for Women. However, in case of Andaman & Nicobar Islands where the number of persons said to be missing is very large, guidelines have been issued for payment of ex-gratia to the next of the kin along with the death cases, as per the laid down procedure.